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Stark, et al.

Application No.: 09/382,433

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For: ORTHOSES FOR JOINT REHABILITATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of August 24, 2001, amendment to the above-identified patent application is requested. A petition to extend the period of time for response by three months and appropriate fee, at large entity rate, accompany this filing. Additionally a request for continued examination, at the large entity rate, accompanies this filing.

Replacement paragraphs are presented below, and marked-up amendments are presented on separate sheets below.

In the Specification

Please substitute the following amended paragraph(s) and/or section(s):

On page 1, lines 3-6 please substitute the following paragraph:

C₁ This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application serial number 60/098,779, entitled "ORTHOSIS FOR JOINT REHABILITATION," filed on September 1, 1998."

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